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Dear FDA Officials:

I am writing to you regarding a matter which demands your immediate attention. I know that the FDA has recently become concerned with reducing salmonella in eggs. The most effective way to solve this problem would be to eliminate the forced molting of hens.

For the past few years, I have researched several animal rights issues. However, none is more horrifying than the results of forced molting. Not only does this practice cause needless suffering and death to innocent animals, but it causes illness to people.

I can assure you; you MUST do more than put "warning labels" on egg cartons. I am begging you to put an end to forced molting immediately. Perhaps you are not aware that this process puts tremendous stress and pain upon the hens. Sometimes these innocent creatures are left without food or water for WEEKS. Many of them die, simply because they are too weak to survive.

I am begging you to stop this needless suffering immediately. Mine is only a small voice, speaking on behalf of the defenseless. Although I cannot work miracles for these innocent creatures, YOU can. Won't you help?

PLEASE ensure that every effort is made to stop forced molting immediately.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197.

Respectfully,

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